

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EINV NS  
SUBJ: REYNOLDS OVERSEAS POLITICAL PAYMENTS

REF: PARAMARIBO 879

1. A RECENT STORY IN THE LOCAL PRESS (DE WARE TIJD--JULY 20, 1978) HAS ONCE AGAIN GIVEN PUBLICITY TO THE SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS BY REYNOLDS IN SURINAM. THE ARTICLE INDICATES THAT SURINAM SOCIALIST PARTY MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT HENK HERRENBURG PLANS TO CONTACT THE "FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE OF THE U.S. SENATE" THROUGH A "CONSULTING FIRM" WHILE VISITING RELATIVES IN THE U.S. THIS SUMMER. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT THE COMMITTEE IS INVESTIGATING DUBIOUS PAYMENTS MADE BY A REYNOLDS SUBSIDIARY IN WHICH LABOR LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REVENUE SERVICE OF A CERTAIN COUNTRY COULD BE INVOLVED, TO THE TUNE OF 3800 DOLLARS. IT IS STATED THAT HERRENBURG ALSO WANTS TO MEET WITH JOURNALIST STEVE LONG, WHO HAS REPORTED DUBIOUS PAYMENTS BY REYNOLDS ABOARD IN THE U.S. PRESS. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT HERRENBURG, WHO WAS PRESIDENT OF THE REYNOLDS LABOR UNION, IS SEEKING DETAILS ON THE MATTER IN AN ATTEMPT TO CLEAR HIS NAME.

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2. THE EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN QUESTIONED OR APPROACHED BY ANYONE REGARDING THIS STORY, AND CONTINUES TO BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN RELEASING THE INFORMATION REFERRED TO IN PARA TWO OF THE REFTEL TO THE GOS. HOWEVER, PLEASE BEAR IN MIND OUR REQUEST THAT WE BE ADVISED OF ANY NEW PUBLICITY OR POSSIBLE SEC REPORTS

WHICH MIGHT LINK SURINAM TO THE ALLEGED REYNOLDS' PAYMENT.  
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